

June 24, 2002

Fair Political Practices Commission
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By Mail and Fax

RE: Terilyn Hanko, Board Member for the Peninsula Health Care District

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Glenn Mendelson and I'm writing to you about the Peninsula Health Care District and one of its current board members, Terilyn Hanko. I understand that your commission is trying to determine if Ms. Hanko can participate in the process of negotiating and approving a new deal with Mills-Peninsula Health Services and Sutter Health.

As you probably know, it has been determined that our acute care hospital (now called Peninsula Medical Center) does not meet current seismic requirements. It needs to be retrofitted or rebuilt within the next five to ten years in order to continue to operate. Our District Board is trying to negotiate with the current operators, Mills-Peninsula Health Services/Sutter Health, in order to get a new deal which would include building a new hospital.

I was a member of the Peninsula Health Care District board from 1994 to 1998. I ran for the public board because I felt that both the District Board and the private, Mills-Peninsula corporation needed to be more sensitive and responsive to the concerns of the general public. I later came to believe that the 1985 transaction (30 Year Lease and Donation of Public Properties) needed to be replaced with a fairer deal which could be approved by the voters rather than just the five member public board as was done in 1985. Since that time, the seismic issue has arisen which lends to the possibility of a new and fairer deal. Some of my current concerns involve the maintenance of core services, access to the hospital (in terms of what health insurance carriers will be accepted) and what happens to the District and millions of dollars in tax monies it will continue to collect after a deal is made. At least this time voters will have a chance to approve whatever deal is presented.

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I believe that Terilyn Hanco has many of the same concerns for the public's interest as I do. She wants to make sure that the public gets a fair deal. Ever since she ran for the board she has indicated her allegiance to the public, not the private corporations. She has been openly critical of Mills-Peninsula/Sutter Health and their use of scare tactics to influence the public to accept whatever deal they propose. If you simply review the minutes from past District Board meetings and read quotes from the local newspapers you should be able to conclude that she's totally committed to the public's interest rather than to the private corporations. Her past words and actions should convince you that the private corporations have no influence on her whatsoever. I've seen how two current District Board members, whose campaigns were heavily financed by individuals associated with the private corporations of Mills-Peninsula Health Services and Mills-Peninsula Medical Group, consistently vote in line with the corporation's interests. Unfortunately they are the only two members currently cleared to vote. Please let someone represent the public's interest.

Please consider allowing Terilyn Hanco to participate in the negotiations and eventual vote for a new deal with Mills-Peninsula Health Services/Sutter Health. I have no doubt that she only has the public's interest in mind. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Best regards,



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